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“GAMING MACHINE WITH MINE  
FEATURE”

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**Amendment**

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Dear Sir:

This communication is filed with a Request for Continued Examination (“RCE”), and responds to the Office Action dated August 22, 2008. Applicants hereby petition a three-month extension of time to file this communication effectively extending the date for response until February 23, 2009 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 21 (b) (with February 22, 2009 falling on a Sunday), and request that the necessary extension of time fee and any deficiency of fees associated with this communication be charged to Deposit Account 13-0017. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter and consider the following Response and Remarks.

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**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.